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SUBJECT: Letter in Support of the Appomattox River Trail

Ms. Heather Barrar
Friends of the Lower Appomattox River
P.O. Box 1808
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Dear Ms. Barrar:

It is my pleasure to provide this letter from the US Army Garrison Fort Lee in support of the concept for the Appomattox River Trail through the Tri-Cities Region. As you know, Fort Lee's Master Planner, Mr. John Royster, and Environmental Chief, Ms. Carol Anderson, have been working with you and others of the Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR) and the Crater Planning District Commission (CPDC).

We recognize the value of such a shared use path serving walkers, bicyclists, the physically challenged and other non-motorized users. The Trail will provide access for fishing, swimming and other recreational pursuits, and when completed, will surely be used by the members of the Fort Lee Community, as well as being a link between our communities.

We support the concepts presented within the Appomattox River Trail Master Plan adopted by FOLAR and the CPDC and will work to refine any areas of potential access within the Fort Lee boundary. We share your excitement for this outstanding project and will seek to balance the installation's critical land use requirements for training our future warfighters with the connectivity and access desired along our northwestern boundary.

We look forward to further communication and planning efforts. The Points of Contact for Fort Lee will continue to be Mr. Royster and Ms. Anderson. Thank you again for your work on this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hollie J. Martin", is positioned above the typed name.

HOLLIE J. MARTIN
Colonel, US Army
Garrison Commander